

EUROPEAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Men



Bohdan Bondarenko UKR (high jump): Won at the 2013 IAAF World Championships and also the Diamond Race. His 2.41m jumps at the IAAF Diamond League meeting in Lausanne, and also in Moscow, were the best in the world for 19 years.

Pawel Fajdek POL (hammer): After retaining his World University Games title, he was the surprise gold medallist at the 2013 IAAF World Championships with what was then a world-leading distance of 81.97m.

Mo Farah GBR (distance running): The 2011 and 2012 European Athlete of the Year won the 5000m and 10,000m gold medals at the 2013 IAAF World Championships and leads the 2013 European lists in both events.

Robert Harting GER (discus): Won at the IAAF World Championships for the third consecutive occasion and was the world's most consistent thrower this year, winning eight of his 11 competitions up to 2 September and throwing over 69 metres four times.

Robert Heffernan IRE (50km walk): Won Ireland's first World Championships gold medal for 18 years when he took the honours in Moscow in 3:37:56, the world's fastest time of year.

Raphael Holzdeppe GER (pole vault): Won at the 2013 IAAF World Championships and had seven competitions at 5.80m or better during 2013.

Renaud Lavillenie FRA (pole vault): Although he had to settle for the silver medal at the IAAF World Championships, he won the European Athletics Indoor Championships title, the Diamond Race and cleared a world-leading 6.02m.

Mehiedine Mehkissi-Benabbad FRA (3000m Steeplechase): Continued to be Europe's top man over the barriers, he took a bronze medal at the IAAF World Championships and also set a European record of 8:00.09 at the IAAF Diamond League meeting in Paris.

Aleksandr Menkov RUS (long jump): European indoor champion who then won at the 2013 IAAF World Championships and also the Diamond Race. His winning jump of 8.56m in Moscow was a national record and the best jump in the world since 2009.

David Storl GER (shot put): He defended his world title in Moscow, proving his ability to peak when it matters with a European-leading mark of 21.73. As of 2 September he had won nine of his 13 competitions this year.

Teddy Tamgho FRA (triple jump): Bounced back from his injury problems in recent years to become just the third man ever to go beyond 18 metres when he reached 18.04m to win at the 2013 IAAF World Championships.

Viteslav Vesely CZE (javelin): The 2012 European champion added the 2013 world title to his list of honours. He was the world's most consistent javelin thrower in 2013 and also won the Diamond Race.